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SUBJECT: ESSO EASTERN URANIUM PROJECT

1. IN BRIEFING DR. FROST OF ESSO EASTERN ON VANCE MISSION TO ZAIRE AND ON CURRENT ECON/POL SITUATION THERE, DEPTOFF MENTIONED BISENGIMANA'S COMMENT TO VANCE THAT ESSO SEEMED REALLY TO BE INTERESTED IN COPPER RATHER THAN URANIUM AND THAT IF THAT WERE THE CASE THERE WOULD BE NO ROOM FOR COMPANY IN ZAIRE. FROST EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND SAID UMBA APPARENTLY HADN'T BRIEFED BISENGIMANA ON PRESENT SHAPE OF PROJECT. IF OPPORTUNITY ARISES IN CONVERSATION WITH BISENGIMANA, FROST SAID IT MIGHT BE USEFUL AZR EMBASSY COULD SET HIM STRAIGHT, DRAWING ON FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. ESSO AND GECAMINES HAVE AGREED TO REMOVE FROM ORIGINALLY CONTEMPLATED CONCESSION AREA ALL SECTIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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WHICH GECAMINES BELIEVES MAY BE MINED FOR COPPER AS PRINCIPAL PRODUCT. WHERE THIS PROVES NOT TO BE POSSIBLE, SECTORS MAY REVERT TO JOINT COMPANY FOR EXPLOITATION OF URANIUM.

B. ALTHOUGH ESSO WOULD GET CREDIT FOR COPPER BY-PRODUCT

FROM URANIUM DEPOSITS, FROST ESTIMATES THIS WOULD IN NO CASE ACCOUNT FOR MORE THAN 25-30 OF TOTAL MINERAL VALUE AND WOULD RANGE FROM THERE DOWN TO NOTHING DEPENDING UPON THE DEPOSIT.

2. FROST SAID THAT ESSO HAS HAD NO ANSWER TO ITS LAST SET OF NEGOTIATING PROPOSALS SENT TO UMBA EARLY THIS YEAR. COMPANY HAS NOT PURSUED MATTER SINCE THEN, PARTLY BECAUSE OF CONCERN ABOUT ZAIRIAN ECON/POLITICAL SITUATION, PARTLY BECAUSE OF PROGRESS OF PARALLEL NEGOTIATIONS IN NIGER. FROST SAID ESSO PLANS TAKE NO NEW INITIATIVE IN ZAIRE UNLESS AND UNTIL NEGOTIATIONS IN NIGER, WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS HAVING REACHED DECISIVE STAGE, SHOULD FAIL. COMPANY IS READY, HOWEVER, TO PICK UP THE ZAIRE NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD THE GOZ OR GECAMINES REPLY TO THE PROPOSALS THAT ARE STILL BEFORE THEM. KISSINGER

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